

ENGLISH I WINTER SEMESTER

COURSE OUTLINE:

Course description

This course aims to introduce students to general topics of agriculture with emphasis on reading and basic vocabulary through selected passages and other materials of medium length.

Course objectives

After completion of this course students should be:

- able to develop their comprehension skills (reading & listening)
- acquainted with basic vocabulary of agricultural sciences
- able to use basic vocabulary and language structures in scientific situations
e.g. explain how something works, describe a simple experiment
- able to define certain terms and classify them – describe classification diagrams

TOPICS - VOCABULARY

Topics covered over the winter semester mainly include the following¹

INTRODUCTORY

Agriculture in general
Ecology - Agriculture & the environment
Cycles – Water –carbon --butterfly
Chemistry basics
Shapes and Dimensions

ANIMALS

Intro to animal science
Basics to animal nutrition: key nutrients

PLANTS

Intro to plants
Field Crops
Conditions Necessary for Plant Growth

AGRIBUSINESS

Careers in Agriculture

¹ Depending on the level of the students and the amount of class time available the instructor reserves the right to add or delete subjects according to class needs

GRAMMAR & STRUCTURES²

Verb Tenses –General overview

Present – Past- Future

Active forms - Passive Forms

Nouns

Countable / Uncountable nouns

Determiners

Quantifiers

Numerals

Adjectives / Adverbs

Comparative & Superlative forms

Prepositions

Place / time

Connectives

Conjunctions and, but and or

Enumeration (Time and sequence)

WRITING SKILLS

Introduction to Paragraph Writing

Ordering information

Describing an experiment

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Definitions

Classification

ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS

Reading texts & handouts

Listening & Speaking practice

Quizzes & assignments

² Grammar items may be deleted or added according to students needs